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Docket No.: 21776-00044-US1
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Takahisa Nitta et al.

Application No.: 10/849,836

Confirmation No.: 8390

Filed: May 21, 2004

Art Unit: 1746

For: CHEMICAL SUPPLY SYSTEM

Examiner: S.T. Chaundhry

RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

MS AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2006, finally rejecting claim 63, please consider the following:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

A **terminal disclaimer** is attached following page 2 of this paper.

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REMARKS

Claim 63 is pending.

Claim Rejection - Double Patenting

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 63 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,764,212.

Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer disclaiming the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of U.S. Patent No. 6,764,212. Withdrawal of the double patenting rejection is therefore in order.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21776-00044-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: October 26, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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Application No.: 10/849,836-Conf. #8390

Filed: May 21, 2004

For: CHEMICAL SUPPLY SYSTEM

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